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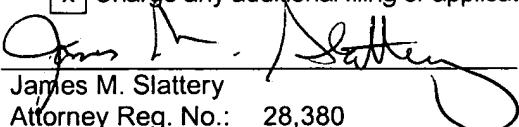
Invention: THROMBUS CAPTURE CATHETER

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2008, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.